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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 126

26 February 1952

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Jones	Navy
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
26X1A9a Major Hession	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. The Vice-Chairman announced that effective 20 February 1952, Captain B. Van Mater, USN, was designated as Navy member, NIS Committee, vice Captain W. Kirten, Jr., USN.

3. Discussion was resumed on the need for revising NIS Memorandum No. 15, which relates to the classification of the NIS. The consensus of the Committee was that the NIS Program had reached the stage where downgrading of certain aspects of the program was warranted and desirable. The following changes were proposed:

<u>Aspect</u>	<u>Present Classification</u>	<u>Proposed Classification</u>
a. The words "NIS Program"	Restricted	Unclassified
b. NIS areas, chapters, sections, and subsections by numerical or letter designation only	Restricted	Unclassified
c. NIS areas by name without numerical designation	Confidential	Unclassified
d. NIS areas by name with numerical designation	Confidential	Restricted
e. NIS allocations	Confidential	Restricted
f. NIS production schedules	Secret	Confidential

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At the request of the Navy member final action in the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

4. The Vice-Chairman referred to a memorandum which he had received relating to the Human Relations Area Files, Inc., and the possible use of these Files as reference material for NIS. The Army member pointed out that the NIS Committee had considered this question about a year ago, and had decided at that time that this material was not suitable for NIS. (Refer to paragraph 8, NIS Committee Meeting No. 96, and paragraph 6, NIS Committee Meeting No. 97.) The Vice-Chairman said that Army, Navy, and Air Force had contracts with "The Human Relations Area, Incorporated" and were now receiving reports prepared by that organization. The Army, Navy, and Air Force members said the material was not being used for NIS purposes, and all members said that they were still of the opinion that the material was not suitable for NIS. 25X6A

25X6A 5. In respect to the special treatment to be accorded [REDACTED] which was approved by the Committee at the last meeting, the Air Force member agreed to accept the treatment proposed by State without the changes which he had suggested. (Refer to paragraph 9, NIS Committee Meeting No. 125.)

6. The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of a tabulation showing the status of agency production since the revised production schedule went into effect on 1 January 1952. He pointed out that the agencies were falling far behind schedule, which was particularly disturbing since the revised schedule was supposed to be realistically in line with contributors' production capabilities. The schedule calls for the submission of 90 sections to D/B in January and February, and of this number only 34 sections had been submitted up to 26 February, which means only a thirty-eight percent fulfillment of commitments with only three working days left in February in which to try to improve the showing. The Vice-Chairman requested the members to summarize the production situation in their agencies with a view to determining the reasons for this low production.

State - Has recently added many new members to the NIS staff whose efforts have not yet been reflected in actually produced sections. Within the past week the Director of OIR held a meeting with all Division Chiefs and NIS coordinators in which he directed that a hundred percent effort be devoted to the production of NIS with the objective of reaching a current status by 1 May 1952, and maintaining production on a current status thereafter. The Special Assistant for Intelligence supports this drive. It was stressed that many of the sections which are now overdue are produced by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, and that State can reach and maintain a current production status only if those agencies fulfill their commitments on time.

Army - High level action has been taken to bring production up to schedule, and it is expected that this intervention will result in an increased flow of contributions to D/B in the immediate future. Three more sections will be submitted in February which will bring Army production for the month to about sixty-eight percent of their numerical commitment.

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Navy - Expects to produce about eighty percent of its commitments for the last half of FY 1952. Will submit six more sections in February, and three more about 5 March. Size of contributions in process a contributing factor to defections from schedule. Ports and Naval Facilities elements on NIS 3 (France), which will be submitted on 29 February, contain over 2000 pages of text and about 1000 tables, caption sheets, maps, etc.

Air Force - Major difficulty stems from move of Air Weather Unit to new location, which has practically stopped production of Sections 23 (Weather and Climate). Also has bottle-neck in graphics production for Section 83 (Air Forces). Graphics Division is producing diagrams of uniforms and insignia for the handbooks being developed by NATO, which have high priority. Despite handicaps, Air Force expects to fulfill commitments for last half of FY 1952.

7. The Air Force member recommended that the diagrams of uniforms and insignia be dropped from the NIS for the present since all available capabilities for producing these graphics are now being utilized to meet NATO requirements. He pointed out that this would permit the earlier publication of the sections concerned, and that the diagrams could be incorporated later under the maintenance program, possibly using the plates prepared for the NATO handbooks. The Army member said that his agency had already produced several Sections 81 (Ground Forces) without the uniform and insignia diagrams because of lack of capabilities for producing them. After discussion of the problem it was agreed that the Service agencies would be governed by their capabilities with respect to the inclusion of these diagrams in the NIS; that they would be included when capabilities permitted and such inclusion would not seriously delay submission of the contribution; that they would be omitted and a fuller treatment given to uniforms and insignia in the text when inclusion of the diagrams would result in undue delays.

8. The State member referred to a prior discussion of the treatment to be accorded fissionable materials in Section 63, Chapter VI, for NIS 8 (Portugal). (Refer to paragraph 10, NIS Committee Meeting No. 124). The Committee had previously decided that atomic materials would be treated in accordance with the requirements called for in the Outline Guide, and that such method of handling would not constitute a duplication of the treatment which will be given this material in Chapter VII. The State member advised that an effort had been made to follow this procedure but that in coordination of this section it was revealed that the information which had been obtained from uncontrolled sources was inaccurate and misleading. Efforts to obtain information from controlled sources had been unsuccessful and he recommended that State coverage of fissionable materials in Section 63 be confined to a statement that there is production of such materials, and cross-reference to Chapter VII (Scientific). Following a general discussion on the question of availability of controlled information on fissionable materials for use in the Economic Chapter of the NIS, the Vice-Chairman undertook to look into the matter and will report his findings to the Committee.

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9. In connection with the Special NIS (Marine Climate and Oceanography) the Vice-Chairman said that he had been informed of questions raised during discussion by contributors and D/B editorial personnel as to the need for the comprehensive coverage required for these elements in the NIS Outline Guide. He pointed out that the Special NIS had been proposed by the Navy as a means of eliminating duplication of Marine Climate and Oceanography coverage in the regular NIS. At the time the proposal for the Special NIS was submitted to the Committee the Navy member emphasized that the treatment contemplated for these elements would more nearly satisfy Navy requirements and would also make it possible for Navy to discontinue some other studies that were being conducted in Navy on a continuing basis. The Vice-Chairman stated that several contributions on the Special NIS had been received in D/B and that preliminary review had created a very favorable impression. He said that since the Special NIS had been adopted with a view to meeting Navy requirements primarily, no change in treatment of these elements should be considered at this time; that the elements now in process should be published and disseminated, following which the opinions of the users should be obtained to determine whether any change in treatment is necessary.

10. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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